

# 18U / High School Tournament Seeding Rationale

Gold bracket contains the top 6 teams. Silver bracket contains the next 7 teams. Teams are listed in ranking order within each bracket.

## Ranking method

Seedings were based first on USSSA tournament information, including class level, overall record, in-class record, power rating, ranking points, previous matchups, head-to-head results, and score context. IPGSA league standings and records were used as a secondary factor because league schedules were unbalanced and some teams had fewer league games. Teams playing up were evaluated using their available IPGSA and USSSA results, with attention to whether their results justified placement in the upper bracket.

## Key decisions

- Gold was limited to the highest-ranked teams after weighing USSSA results more heavily than league standings.
- The strongest league team remained the top Gold seed because it also had the clearest overall body of work.
- The two 14U play-up teams were placed in Gold because their records and available matchup context were stronger than the Silver cutoff.
- The Silver bracket begins with the strongest remaining team and continues in best-to-worst order using the same criteria.

## Bracket summary

Bracket	Seed	Team	IPGSA Standing	IPGSA Rec.
Gold	1	CBPA Freeze - Aguilar	1st	10-0
Gold	2	Steel City Angels - Chavez	3rd	5-1
Gold	3	BYBSA Brighton Monarchs - Sifuentes	6th tied	5-5
Gold	4	Impact Gold - Dominguez	14U IPGSA: 3rd	5-1
Gold	5	CO Batbusters - Kenner	14U IPGSA: 6th tied	4-1
Gold	6	BYBSA CO Chaos - Mayberry	9th	2-3
Silver	1	CO Divas - Medina	5th	3-2-1
Silver	2	Playball Dynasty - Avalos	10th	3-5
Silver	3	Rally NoCo - Baxter	8th	3-4
Silver	4	BYBSA American Bulldogs - Wacker	7th tied	3-4
Silver	5	BYBSA CO Monarchs - Quintana	7th tied	3-4
Silver	6	A's Futures - Martinez	6th tied	2-2
Silver	7	AC Softball - Quintana	11th	2-7-1

## Gold Bracket - Top 6

Seed	Team	IPGSA Standing	IPGSA Rec.	Reason
1	CBPA Freeze - Aguilar	1st	10-0	Best HS/IPGSA body of work and a strong 16B USSSA profile. The unbeaten league record gives this team the clearest top seed.
2	Steel City Angels - Chavez	3rd	5-1	Very strong league percentage and strong USSSA profile. Kept ahead of the rest of the field based on record quality and competitive consistency.
3	BYBSA Brighton Monarchs - Sifuentes	6th tied	5-5	The .500 league record is balanced by a stronger 18B USSSA profile and higher tournament-strength evidence than most remaining teams.
4	Impact Gold - Dominguez	14U IPGSA: 3rd	5-1	Playing up from 14U, but the league performance and available head-to-head context support placement in Gold rather than Silver.
5	CO Batbusters - Kenner	14U IPGSA: 6th tied	4-1	Also playing up from 14U. The 4-1 league mark and USSSA tournament resume keep this team in Gold, just behind Impact in the play-up comparison.
6	BYBSA CO Chaos - Mayberry	9th	2-3	Placed in Gold because the 16C USSSA record, power profile, and head-to-head context were stronger than the Silver cutoff teams.

## Silver Bracket - Next 7

Seed	Team	IPGSA Standing	IPGSA Rec.	Reason
1	CO Divas - Medina	5th	3-2-1	Top Silver seed. The IPGSA standing is strong and the USSSA 18B profile is enough to keep this team ahead of the rest of Silver.
2	Playball Dynasty - Avalos	10th	3-5	Strong 16C USSSA record and tournament strength place this team high in Silver, despite a lower league standing.
3	Rally NoCo - Baxter	8th	3-4	USSSA profile and league results place this team in the middle of Silver. Ranked ahead of the lower group based on strength of tournament schedule.
4	BYBSA American Bulldogs - Wacker	7th tied	3-4	Similar league record to nearby teams, but tournament and head-to-head context placed them slightly below Rally.
5	BYBSA CO Monarchs - Quintana	7th tied	3-4	The league record is comparable to Bulldogs, but the USSSA profile and overall strength indicators placed them just behind.
6	A's Futures - Martinez	6th tied	2-2	Limited league sample and no stronger USSSA evidence in the supplied pages. The .500 league mark keeps them ahead of the final seed.
7	AC Softball - Quintana	11th	2-7-1	Placed seventh in Silver because the league record and available supporting data were weaker than the rest of the field.

### Data notes

The IPGSA league schedule was unbalanced, so league record alone was not used to determine the brackets. USSSA class level and tournament performance were weighted more heavily, with league standings used to resolve teams with similar tournament profiles. The resulting brackets are intended to separate the strongest available teams into Gold and rank the remaining teams in Silver from strongest to weakest.